

## Local School Committee Selects New Principal For The High School

The local school committee, consisting of Irving J. Lawrence, Sidney Given and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller, with Superintendent Robert N. Taylor have selected as the Principal of the High School beginning with the school year on September 1, 1944, Chester R. Parker, who for the past year has been Principal of the High school at Jacksonville, Vermont.

Mr. Parker will succeed Roland E. Currier, former Principal, who recently resigned.

Mr. Parker is a graduate of Saugus High School and Bates College, where he majored in History and Government, receiving his A.B. degree in 1939. He was a member of the varsity football squad.

Mr. Parker's teaching experience includes one year as sub-master and coach at Bridgewater Maine High School, two years as Principal and coach at Sedgwick Maine High School, one year as Principal at Lubec, Maine High School and one year as Principal at Jacksonville, Vermont.

During this summer season Mr. and Mrs. Parker will be at a New Hampshire camp as counselors, but will come to Northfield to take up their residence during the latter part of August. They have one child.

## Announce Engagement

Dr. and Mrs. John Finley Williamson of Princeton, N. J., and of Westminster Choir college, and who have conducted their summer school for several years in Northfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jean Parlette to Rev. Mark Robbins Thompson of Uniontown, Pa. She is a graduate of Miss Fine's School of Princeton and attended Harcum Junior college at Bryn Mawr, Pa. Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson college and of Princeton Theological Seminary. The wedding will take place in the chapel at Westminster Choir college on May 17.

## Retiring Members Of Seminary Faculty Will Be Missed By Many Friends Here Combined Service Covers Sixty Years



Three faculty members whose combined service to the seminary totaled 60 years, were retired in June. The loss of these teachers, Miss Mabel Boak, Charles F. Taber, and Mrs. Leona L. Moody, will be felt not only on the campus but in the town, to which their interests extended.

Miss Boak joined the faculty in 1923 and served as head of the Latin department. She graduated from Vassar and did graduate work at Columbia, Chicago, Harvard, Cornell, and the American School of Classical Studies of the American Academy at Rome. In a period of declining interest in Latin, as a secondary school subject, Miss Boak has made it a popular course to the modern method of teaching the subject as literature rather than grammar and to its integration with English and history. During Miss Boak's 21 years at Northfield she has held various responsibilities in addition to her teaching duties, such as Head of Hall, supervisor of the "Star" and Tau Pi productions, librarian during some of the Summer Conferences, and this year added to her numerous tasks a Virgil class at Mount Hermon.

Mr. Taber came to Northfield Seminary as Head of the Science Department in September, 1924. A graduate of Williams College, he

studied summers at Cornell University and since joining the faculty has made many travel trips, including one around the world, which have provided colorful background for his lectures. He has served as a member of the library committee and also supervised the Science Club. When Palmer recitation hall was built, Mr. Taber helped plan the science floor layout which resulted in the present efficient arrangement.

Mrs. Moody has been a member of the Northfield faculty since 1925 and spent 17 years as the Head of Weston Hall. She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke and her husband was a Hermonite and distant relative of the Founder. Besides acting as academic advisor to all girls in her hall, Mrs. Moody maintained a heavy Latin schedule. Her daughter Elizabeth, Mrs. Everett C. Tredway, is Home Service Director of the Red Cross in Petersburg, Va.

## A Y H Training School Graduates Twenty Four

For several weeks the American Youth Hostel has conducted a training school for individuals interested in its effort and on June 24th gave graduation certificates to some twenty four members.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith, directors of the organization were in charge of the training school and presented the various phases of hostel activity. Those enrolled came from various states throughout the nation and will enter either some volunteer effort or paid service of the hostel. Hosteling in America was brought over from its success in Germany some ten years ago and has been developing with measured success until its membership today includes over 90,000 persons, both young and old. Hosteling has proven its value and affords young people with limited means, the opportunity of education through inexpensive travel and of unselfish endeavors in service to others.

## Fox Kills Chickens But Caught And Shot

A wandering fox leisurely went his way through the center of town on Tuesday afternoon, June 27 and patrons of the Northfield Postoffice watched with interest. The fox was not molested by dogs though several were about and he finally disappeared down Parker Ave. He was not seen again until on Wednesday when he raided the chicken coop of Myron Dunnell and was discovered and promptly shot by Mr. Dunnell, who counted his loss as 61 young chickens. The fox had dug an opening under the enclosure to enter which had been considered raidproof.

## Graduates As Ensign

On the day before his wedding, Carleton Kendrick Finch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cortland R. Finch of Pine Street received his commission as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve after completing his officers' training course at the Midshipmen's school. The imposing services of graduation took place in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and the naval officers' oath was taken before Captain John K. Richards, the commanding officer.

Finch graduated from Mount Hermon school in 1941 and before his enlistment had completed his junior year at Bates college in Lewiston, Me. He has been studying at Columbia since early March.

He has been ordered to report July 12 at the submarine chaser center at Miami, Fla. for training.

## Wins Fourth Cluster

2nd Lieut. Charles H. Taber, with the 15th Army Air Force in Italy has recently been awarded the fourth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the air medal, for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy. Lt. Taber is stationed in Italy with a Liberator bombardment squadron, which has bombed Ploesti, Vienna, Steyr, Toulon and other places. He is 22 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Taber who have recently left Northfield to make their home in Arizona.

## Entertains Rotary Club

A. Gordon Moody, manager of the Northfield hotel, who has served as president of the Rotary club of Greenfield during the past year, entertained the members of the organization at the hotel on Wednesday afternoon and evening June 28. Members indulged in playing golf and other sports and then were provided with a most appealing supper. A short business session followed. Samuel Blasberg succeeds Mr. Moody as the president for the ensuing year.

## The Northfield School For Girls Is New Name For Northfield Seminary And Became Effective On July First

The Northfield Seminary founded some sixty five years by Dwight L. Moody as a preparatory school for girls will hereafter be known as the Northfield School for Girls; the change in title became effective as of July first. Together with the Mount Hermon School for Boys, the two institutions are incorporated in the Northfield Schools.

The alumnae association will also adopt a corresponding change in name. The Seminary began its existence under modest circumstances under the personal direction of its founder but through the years, it has prospered until today it has become one of the largest preparatory schools for girls in America. Dr. Mira B. Wilson is the capable head of the Girls school and she is both loved and esteemed by the many hundreds of students who have received their diplomas from her hands at commencements during her term of office. Progress is the watchword at the school and Dr. William E. Park, the president of the Northfield schools has proven himself an able administrator. He is most enthusiastic of the coming years in the growth and development of the institution.

The School for Girls is a project in Christian education and the building of character is emphasized as well as the training of mind. In the twelve dormitories, students and faculty members live together, seeking to illustrate the application of Christian standards. Enrollment at the school has numbered over five hundred for several years and the campus is most attractive and beautiful. The buildings are mostly modern and all are kept in good condition.

## Almost Invasion Caught

Gertrude Lawrence, well known American actress, was probably the last celebrity to entertain the troops in England just before invasion day. According to press dispatches she turned up at a port where her husband, Lieut-Commander Richard Aldrich was in control and remaining for two days in ignorance of the coming invasion day. Naturally her husband could not inform her of what was about to happen, but he sent her on to another sector inland to entertain our boys in service.

Richard Aldrich is remembered by many friends here for he spent the years of his boyhood and as a young man with his mother at their summer home here. Mr. Aldrich entered the dramatic profession and became a director of productions and is himself a playwright-actor. His mother resides at Groton, Mass., in the family home and has been a frequent visitor here.

## TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Mildred Rapp of Jackson Heights, N. Y., has spent a week here visiting former friends, during which time she passed title as attorney, of the home of her mother, Mrs. William W. Coe of California, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hodous of Hartford who will eventually use the same for residence.

Merritt C. Skilton of this town was reelected for a three year term as a director of the Greenfield Co-operative Bank at its annual meeting of stockholders held Wednesday evening, June 28.

Richard L. Watson who was stricken with illness at his home on Winchester road recently is showing a slight improvement. His many friends are hoping for an early recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bigelow of Maple Street have sold the so-called Lowe place in the Barber district, owned by them, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carpenter of Rockland who purchased for a summer home.

Miss Julia S. Ennis, who has been at Niles, Ohio, for the winter season has returned to her home at South Vernon for the summer.

The house and land of 13 acres of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howard of Midland, Mich., on the Bernards-ton road opposite the Holton homestead has been sold to Emma M. Pietz of Athol.

Mrs. Milford Andrews of Warwick Ave. who has been quite ill at the Franklin county hospital is steadily improving.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Watson of Jamaica, N. Y., have arrived at their cottage in Mount Park to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Crosier who have been occupying the Wood residence on Main Street are moving into an apartment in the Dunnell home.

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Pvt. Charles E. Leach, Jr., who is with the 63rd Signal corps and has seen service in North Africa and in the Italian campaign, has been spending a 21 day furlough at his home here. Mr. Leach also served with the British forces for a time abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. William Laestadius of Brooklyn, who were married in a church wedding there on Saturday, June 24th, spent their honeymoon here at the summer home of Mrs. Maude N. Voris in Mountain Park.

An inventory of the estate of the late Clarence W. Stratton was recently filed in probate court appraised by Ernest A. Nash.

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